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JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the ELINT requirement for coverage of Chinese Communist SA-2 (modified) systems, in order to better determine the actual threat to the U-2 and the capabilities of these SA-2 systems of Chinese Communist origin [REDACTED] This

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mission will also meet the ELINT requirements for other

[REDACTED] The 303 Committee has approved two ELINT missions of this type for the month of October 1968 and the mission aircraft will remain 20 n.m. off the Communist China Mainland.

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OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE : 2362 NM
TIME : 6+20
T/O FUEL : 1320 GALS
HI CONE : 170 GALS
PROFILE : 70,000 FEET
TAKE OFF TIME : 0100Z 16 October 1968
2100 15 October 1968 Wash., D.C. Time

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

No confirmed operational surface-to-air missile sites are known to be within lethal range of the flight path. The nearest known SAM site is approximately 40 NM from the projected route of the aircraft. The mission aircraft will come within range of the eleven MIG-21s located at Wuhu Airfield. Past experience indicates that it is highly unlikely the MIG-21s would attempt an intercept 20 NM off the coast.

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This IDEALIST mission as planned herein is approved.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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COORDINATION MESSAGES

1. Request for NPIC to search track for SAM sites. (1)
2. NPIC's report of the search of latest photographs available along the mission route for SAM sites. (2)
- 25X1A 3. Mission details coordinated with [REDACTED] (3)
- 25X1A 4. [REDACTED] approval of the mission. (4)
5. Mission details coordinated with JRC/JCS. (5)
6. Intelligence summary of AOB, ROB, and SAM OB in the area of the mission. (6)

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] 6731
 2. [REDACTED]
 - 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] 6722
 - 25X1A 4. [REDACTED] 7198
 5. CONCEN 6723 and CONCEN 6724
 - 25X1A 6. [REDACTED] 6730

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OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE : ~~2362 NM~~ 1535 NM
TIME : ~~6+20~~ 4+15
T/O FUEL : ~~1320 GALS~~ 1020 GALS
HI CONE : ~~170 GALS~~ 205 GALS
PROFILE : ~~70,000 FEET~~ MAX ALT
TAKE OFF TIME : ~~0100Z 16 October 1968~~ 0130Z 14 November 1968
~~2100 15 October 1968 Wash., D.C. Time~~
2030 13 November 1968 Washington, D.C. TIME

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

No confirmed operational surface-to-air missile sites are known to be within lethal range of the flight path. The nearest known SAM site is approximately ⁵⁵~~48~~ NM from the projected route of the aircraft. The mission aircraft will come within range of the ^{Seven}~~eleven~~ MIG-21s located at Wuhu Airfield. Past experience indicates that it is highly unlikely the MIG-21s would attempt an intercept 20 NM off the coast.

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